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Mr. James J. Barry. Commissioner Department of Public Welfare State House Annex Concord. New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Barrys:

This is in response to your letter of March 27, asking whether teachers in New Hampshire are state employees or employees of the individual school districts. We understand that this question is in reference to pending legislation to extend O.A.S.I. benefits to teachers. Since receipt of your letter this matter has been discussed with Robert Schaffer, O.A.S.I. Assistant. He advised us that your inquiry relates to the ordinary grade or secondary public school teacher.

It is the opinion of this office that these teachers are employees of the school district by which they are employed.

Very truly yours.

Elmer T. Bourque Assistant Attorney General

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